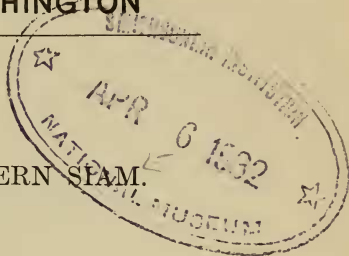


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A NEW BABBLER FROM NORTHERN SIAM.

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Dr. Hugh M. Smith, the past year, visited Doi Nangka, a mountain in northern Siam about 5000 feet high, and made quite an extensive collection of birds. While the collection contains many birds not previously recorded from Siam, the only apparently undescribed species is the following small short-tailed, long-legged babbler; a ground inhabiting bird occurring at no great altitude. It may be known as:

***Heteroxenicus nangka*, sp. nov.**

*Type*, adult male, U. S. National Museum, No. 330,582, Pang Meton northern Siam, April 29, 1931. Collected by Hugh M. Smith (original No. 4722).

Above snuff brown, with a cinnamon brown wash on the head, back and rump; cheeks and side of neck much lighter than the back; a supra-loral white streak extending back to about the middle of the orbit; below white, the feathers of the throat lightly edged with tawny-olive; the feathers of the chest more broadly tipped with the same, forming a band, but with the white sub-basal band on the feathers showing through; abdomen white; under-tail coverts warm buff; flanks washed with tawny-olive; wing-coverts externally the color of the back; flight feathers fuscous black, lighter towards the tips and edged on the outer web with cinnamon brown; under wing-coverts tawny-olive with dusky mottling; upper tail-coverts and tail cinnamon brown; thighs olive brown. Wing, 59; tail, 33; culmen, 13; tarsus, 28; middle-toe, 15 mm.

The female has the pectoral band wider with little or no white showing through; the white of the abdomen more restricted; and the white supra-loral streak obscured by buffy.

*Remarks*.—Doctor Smith sent three males and one female from the type locality and one female from Doi Nangka. The type locality is situated in the heart of the mountain.

This species differs from *H. leucophris* of Java in being lighter, less rusty above.

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